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SUBJECT: CIVAIR -- PAN AM CARGO RIGHTS

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1. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CALLED JAN 6 ON AMBASSADOR MABILANGAN TO FOLLOW UP ON EMBASSY NOTE, AND ISSUES REVIEWED FULLY IN LIGHT THEREOF. MABILANGAN REPORTED THAT PANAM PETITION AND THE SEPARATE ISSUE OF CHARGES AGAINST PANAM BEING DISCUSSED BETWEEN DFA AND TOURISM SEC ASPIRAS AS CHAIRMAN PHIL CAB. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR MADE STRONG PITCH FOR REINSTATEMENT PANAM PERMIT IN LINE WITH EMBASSY NOTE. MABILANGAN MADE SURPRISING OBSERVATION THAT DFA STILL HAD NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM PHIL CAB OF ANY ACTIONS RESPECTING PANAM. THIS MIGHT BE, HE SPECULATED, BECAUSE MATTERS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOTE HAS PROMOTED ACTION TO OBVIOUS EXTENT OF FORCING FORMAL DIALOGUE WITHIN GOP. THIS WILL NOT, HOWEVER, NECESSARILY SPEED DECISION. READING BETWEEN THE LINES OF MABILANGAN COMMENT DFA IS STRUGGLING WITH THE RECENT HISTORY OF HIGHLY INFORMAL CLEARANCES OF EXTRA CARGO. THERE IS SYMPATHY FOR PAL COMPLAING BUT THE CLEARANCE PROCEDURE RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER COMPLAINT MERITORIOUS. MABILANGAN CONCLUDED, IN ANY EVENT, THAT DFA

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WOULD AWAIT FTFLWB RESPONSE FROM CAB BEFORE REPLYING TO

EMBASSY NOTE. HE GRANTED THAT PERHAPS BETTER PROCEDURE
WOULD BE TO RESTORE PANAM PERMIT PENDING FINAL CAB DETER-
MINATION, BUT DID NOT PROMISE SUCH A RESULT.
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